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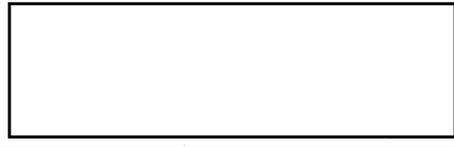
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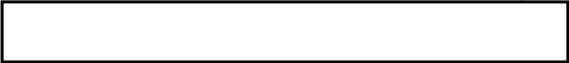
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1. Trutnov (OSI/ 074)

- a. On 4 August 1952 twenty three-ton trucks and eight five-ton, three-axle trucks were standing in the courtyard of the caserne. A further few five-ton trucks were being washed and serviced by soldiers in the courtyard. Adjacent to the caserne is a small training ground where a few NCOs and soldiers were training in pistol shooting. On the training ground were two poles about 20 meters high each and 40 meters apart which were connected by a horizontal wire and a diagonal wire. The poles appeared to be newly erected. To each wire was attached a small model of a plane which could be pulled along the wire. The arrangement serves as a miniature anti-aircraft range.
- b. The following military vehicles were observed besides those on the courtyard:

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three-ton
five-ton
Skoda Tudor
Tatra
Tatra, the driver was in mufti

2. Hradec Kralove (OSI/ 071)

- a. On 6 August 1952 air activity started at 4:30 a.m. At first twin engine planes were taking off in three to five minute intervals. At 9 a.m. light single seater monoplanes started taking off. Each of them stayed in the air for about five minutes. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] There was a group of parked twin-engine planes painted dark olive [REDACTED] and four windows on each side. Another group of 12 pale blue, small monoplanes with rectangular wings and six blower monoplanes painted silver were parked on the airfield. A large group of air force officers was watching the flying. (1)

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a. On 5 August 1952 at 6:00 p.m. a group of two 2nd lieutenants and three privates wearing green berets and a dog's head emblem on their berets was leaving the casernes located by the bridge across the Orlice river.

c. The following military vehicles were observed:

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[redacted]	truck	three ton	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	carrying 15 soldiers armed with submachine guns
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	carrying a heavy piece of wire electrical equipment into the army radio plant
[redacted]	"	"	a mobile workshop
[redacted]	bus		with red cross sign
[redacted]	ambulance		leaving the Medical Military Academy
[redacted]	passenger car	Tudor	air force personnel
[redacted]	passenger car	Tetra	air force personnel
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	Tudor	
[redacted]	"	Tetraplan	four field grade officers (three Czechs, one Russian)
[redacted]	motorcycle		
[redacted]	bus		equipped for broadcasting

3. Liberac (051/G 16)

a. On 8 August 1952 no soldiers were observed billeted in the new Zinkovy casernes. The casernes were guarded and a few officers and NCOs passed through the entrance.

b. In the old Zinkovy casernes infantry soldiers practised with three-axle, five-ton trucks covered with tarpauling, which were loaded with apparatus of a rectangular box-like body about 1.5 meters square. Two pipes bent backwards were showing above the roof of the trucks and were part of the apparatus. Eleven of these trucks were counted.

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[redacted] Stables for approximately 40 horses are under construction next to the garages.

c. There were three monoplanes on the local airfield. Two of them were in hangars and one [redacted] made several flights during the day with a single-seater glider [redacted] and a two-seater glider [redacted] alternatively. There were other brand new gliders in a hangar.

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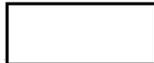
d. The following military vehicles were observed:

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[redacted]	truck	three-ton	
[redacted]	"	"	carrying air force personnel
[redacted]	"	"	carrying air force personnel
[redacted]	"	"	carrying air force personnel
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	Tudor		air force driver
[redacted]	ambulance		carrying air force personnel
[redacted]	passenger car	Tatra	carrying air force personnel
[redacted]	jeep		carrying air force personnel
[redacted]	"		carrying a field grade officer
[redacted]	passenger car	Tatra	carrying air force personnel

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5. Stara Poltslav (0-1/ P 90)

a. On 2 July 1952 there was a combined exercise of artillery and air force. At about 7 a.m. a single plane [redacted] flew low over the training grounds adjacent to the new casemates. Immediately after that a violet red smoke was seen rising from the training grounds. Five minutes later three fighter planes, [redacted] flew low over the grounds. After another five minutes three more fighter planes of a different model, [redacted] flew over. On the training grounds were five artillery pieces mounted on four solid rubber wheels of a diameter of approximately 50 centimeters. The barrels were about three meters long, and their caliber was about 150 millimeters.

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b. The forest northeast of the casemates is closed to the public because of construction work of a military nature. The work is done by Irrubaton, National Corporation, and the whole area is guarded by soldiers. (2)

c. The following military vehicles were observed:

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[redacted]	truck	five-ton	Tatra
[redacted]	"	"	Tatra
[redacted]	"	"	" brand new, drivers were black epaulets
[redacted]	"	"	brand new, drivers were black epaulets
[redacted]	"	"	brand new, drivers were black epaulets
[redacted]	"	three-ton	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	carrying eight soldiers
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	full of soldiers
[redacted]	"	"	about 20 soldiers
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	lumber and about 5 soldiers
[redacted]	"	"	lumber and about 5 soldiers
[redacted]	"	"	
[redacted]	"	"	lumber and about 5 soldiers
[redacted]	bus		carrying workers in overalls
[redacted]	"		
[redacted]	passenger car		carrying two field grade officers
[redacted]	passenger car		
[redacted]	"		
[redacted]	"		
[redacted]	"		air force driver
[redacted]	"	Tatra	
[redacted]	"	Tudor	
[redacted]	"	Tudor	
[redacted]	jeep		
[redacted]	"		
[redacted]	tank truck		
[redacted]	station wagon		
[redacted]	motorcycle		
[redacted]	"		
[redacted]	ambulance		

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6. Kostelec nad Labem (051/ F 80)

On 9 July 1952 only a guard detachment of about ten men and a small detachment of soldiers with black epaulets and red piping were seen repairing vehicles in the courtyard. Otherwise the casernes seemed to be empty. In the evening there were one lieutenant, two 2nd lieutenants and ten men walking through the streets. All belonged to the artillery.

7. Mlada Boleslav (051/ G 02)

a. On 17 July 1952 at 5:00 p.m. two groups of soldiers armed with rifles with fixed bayonets were observed marching into the casernes. One group consisted of three detachments each 20 men strong. The other group consisted of three detachments each 30 men strong. In the evening there were only a few soldiers in the streets with black bordered red epaulets and red bordered black epaulets. From the casernes mass singing was heard. The lights went out at 10:30 p.m.

b. The following military vehicles were observed:



- truck three-ton
- " " air force driver
- " " carrying vegetables
- " "
- " "
- " "
- " "
- passenger car Tatra
- " "
- " "
- " Tatra 1941 air force personnel
- jeep
- "
- motorcycle
- "
- "
- "
- "

8. Miron (051/ F 95)

a. The training center located south and east of Miron is closed to the public. The main roads leading through this area may be used, but travellers must not stop on their way or diverge from the main road. The approaches to the area are guarded by a chain of SMG guards, and behind them is a chain of army guards. The whole guarded area measures more than 100 square kilometers.

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b. On 12 August 1952 between 50 and 100 planes of various types were observed on Miron airfield (051/ F 94). One of them was considerably larger than the rest. The planes were parked on the western side of the airfield. There were two concrete runways on the field, one approximately 20 meters wide and the other one approximately 50 meters wide. The space between them was about 50 meters. The length of the runways could not be ascertained, as the far ends were out of sight.

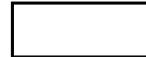
c. At 2 p.m. on 11 August 1952 four groups of 30 soldiers each dressed in fatigues uniforms and equipped with submachine guns, gas masks, and helmets marched from Miron to Plouznice (051/ F 94). The unit was led by

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- d. New casernes have been built on the western side of Plouznice. The rear part is already in use, and the front part is being finished. The former forest road leading from Plouznice to Hradcany (061/ F 94) was built into an eight-meter wide concrete highway and connects Plouznice with the airport.
- e. The rocky hill south of Hradcany is surrounded by four rows of washed wire fence. Fresh heaps of yellow clay or sand can be observed on top of the hill. (3)
- f. The following military vehicles were observed in the Liron area:

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	truck	five-ton	
	"	"	
	"	"	
	"	three-ton	carrying soldiers
	"	"	carrying provisions
	"	"	carrying about 25 soldiers
	"	"	carrying provisions
	"	"	
	"	"	carrying soldiers with brown epaulets
	"	"	pulling a gas tank
	"	"	carrying steel rods
	"	"	carrying soldiers
	"	"	
	"	"	carrying a labor group of soldiers
	"	"	
"	"	carrying soldiers with red and black epaulets	
"	"		
"	"	carrying about 30 paratroopers with red berets	
passenger car		carrying two officers and a driver with brown epaulets	
"	Tudor		
"	"		
jeep			
"			

The military traffic in the Liron area was very heavy. The list of observed vehicles gives only a small percentage of all the traffic.

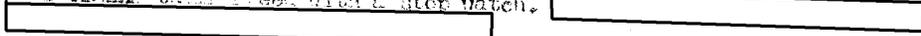
9. Roudnice nad Labem (N51/ F 63)

At 9 p.m. on 1 August 1962 an AA unit passed through the town. The unit consisted of one passenger car and four trucks loaded with soldiers, four trucks each carrying an AA gun, and one gasoline truck.

10. Faly Ujezd (061/ F 71)

a. On the morning of 25 July 1962 on the road to Felnik (061/ F 71) three five-ton, three-axle Tatra trucks were on an exercise. One lieutenant was timing their speed with a stop watch.

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b. Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. the same day about 20 planes flying singly flew over in a NE direction. Some of them were at a high altitude and seemed to be jet-propelled.

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11. Cedra Lira (C51/ F 75)

There is a large underground gasoline dump under construction on the northern outskirts of the town. The site is covered with heaps of gravel and sand. Holes were dug for ten storage tanks. The tanks were already on the site. They are approximately 10 meters long and 2.5 meters in diameter. (4)

25X1 () Comment: It is possible that students of the air force officers' school held a flying practice or had some kind of examination in flying.

25X1 (2) Comment: For the exact location of the construction site see attachment 2.

25X1 (3) Comment: For the exact location of the reported objects see attachment 1.

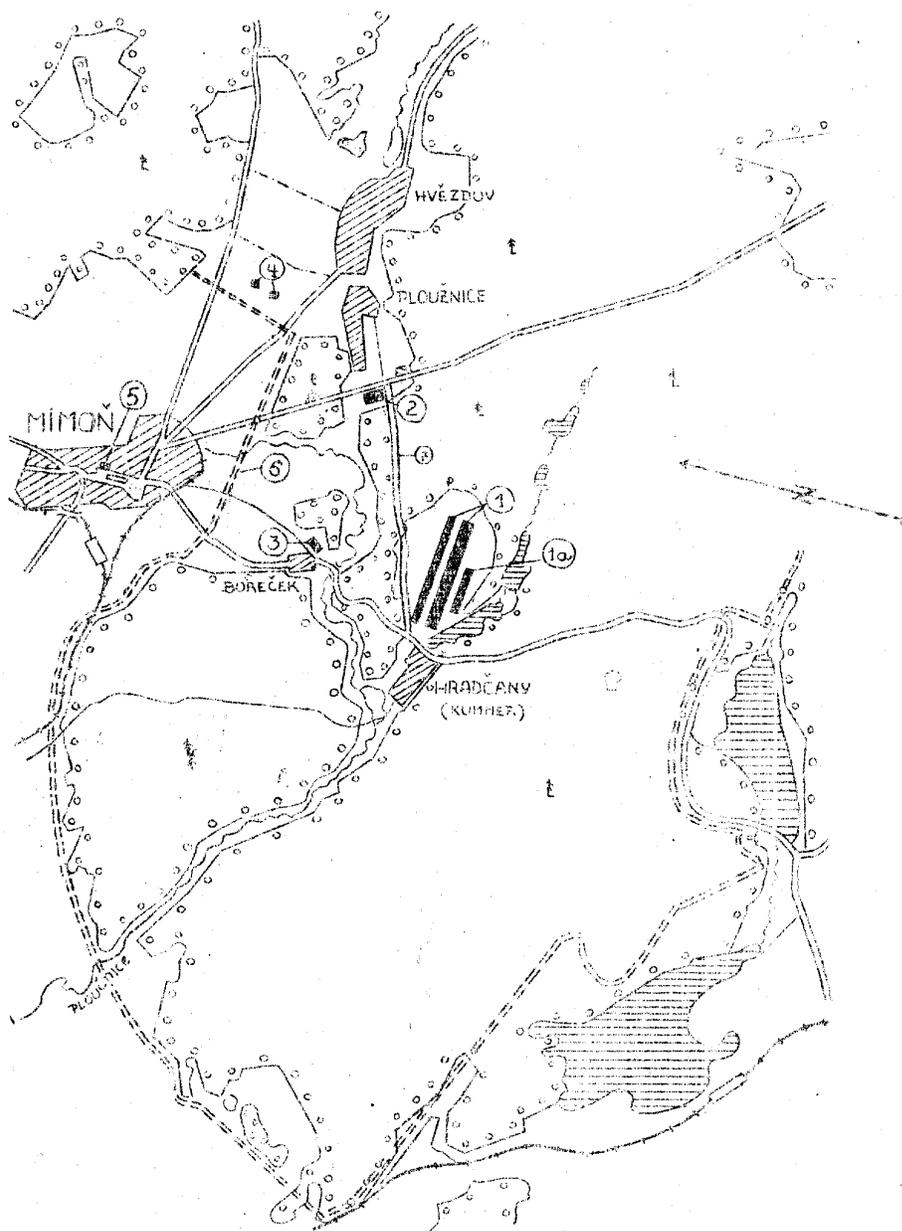
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ATTACHMENT 1

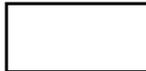


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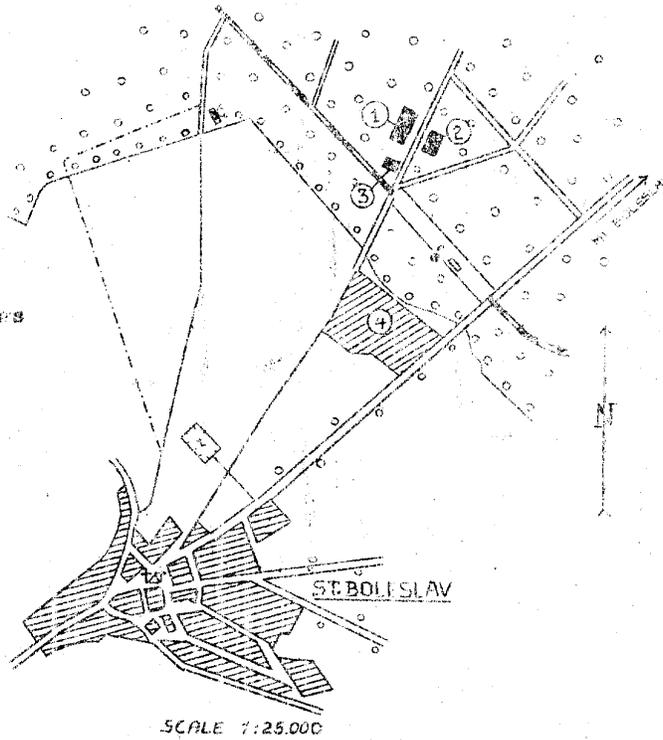
Legend:

- 1. The concrete runways of Miron airfield
- 1a. Airfield buildings
- 2. Newly constructed casernes
- 3. Parachute packing and storage installation
- 4. Wooden observation towers
- 5. Headquarters building guarded by air force guards
- 6. Ascertained border of the training area
- 7. Newly built concrete highway

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ATTACHMENT 2

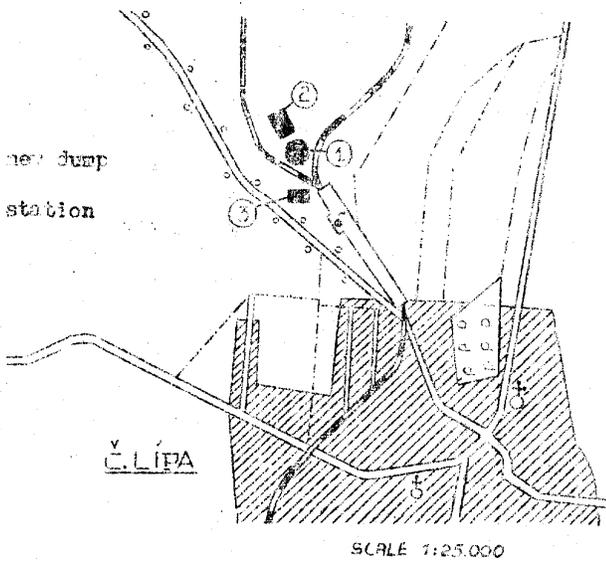


Legend:

- 1 three new buildings
- 2 construction site
- 3 guard house
- 4 casernes

Legend:

- 1 Location of the new dump
- 2 Storehouse
- 3 The old filling station



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